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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV PRESS EDITORIALIZES AGAINST USE OF TERRORISM
BY PALESTINIANS

1. IN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "TERROR IS DETRIMENTAL TO PALESTINE",
ZAGREB DAILY VJESNIK OF NOV. 22 STATES THAT NON-ALIGNED, INCLUDING
YUGOSLAVIA, SHARE VIEW OF PLO THAT "TERRORISM NEITHER IS NOR
CAN BE ADOPTED AS A METHOD OF THE LIBERATION STRUGGLE". VKESNIK IS
PUBLISHED BY MASS LABOR FRONT ORGANIZATION SOCIALIST ALLIANCE.

2. STATEMENT IS MADE AT CONCLUSION OF EDITORIAL WHICH BEGINS WITH
ASSERTION THAT PLO IS GAINING INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION AS REP-
RESENTATIVE OF PALESTINIANS FOLLOWING ARAFAT'S APPEARANCE AT UNGA.
IT NOTES, HOWEVER, THAT POPULAR FRONT FOR LIBERATION OF PALESTINE
OPPOSED ARAFAT'S EFFORT TO UNITE VARIOUS GROUPS AFTER RABAT SUMMIT.
INSTEAD, PFLP DENOUNCED ARAFAT AS TRAITOR TO EVOLUTION AND
LAUNCHED UNSPECIFIED COMMANDO OPERATION. "THIS SUICIDAL
OPERATION ENDED IN A MANNER THAT COULD HAVE BEEN EXPECTED."
OPERATION PLAYED INTO HANDS OF ISRAELIS, EDIT CONTINUES, AND WAS
UNNECESSARY TO KEEP PALESTINE BEFORE ATTENTION OF WORLD SINCE,
IT IMPLIES, PLO HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO WORLD FORUM.

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3. THIS VJESNIK EDITORIAL IS A WELCOME CHANGE FROM THE PAST
YUGOSLAV LINE, WHICH HAS BEEN TO WITHHOLD CONDEMNATION OF
TERRORIST ACTS WHICH WERE JUDGED JUSTIFIED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK
OF A "LIBERATION STRUGGLE".
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